

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) A foldable candle tool having a plurality of candle tools incorporated therein, comprising: a foldable handle structure moveable between a folded and closed position and an open and operative position; a series of candle tools mounted to the foldable handle structure with each tool being moveable from a storage position contained within the handle to an open operative position where the respective tools project outside of the handle structure; wherein the candle tools include at least two candle tools taken from the group including a wick cutter, wick dipper, match holder, candle digger, lighter, swab, and a retractable wick; and wherein the wick dipper includes an arm secured to one handle of the candle tool and a generally L-shaped wire secured to a terminal end of the arm and extending therefrom.

26. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 25 wherein the foldable handle structure includes a pair of handles that are adapted to be disposed in an extended position where the respective handles are disposed in general parallel relationship to each other.

27. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 25 wherein the handle structure includes a pair of handles and a wick cutter, and wherein the wick cutter includes a pivot joint and a pair of legs with each leg being pivotally connected to one end of the respective handles.

28. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 27 wherein in the folded position the wick cutter is housed with both handles.

29. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 27 wherein the wick cutter includes a pair of jaws that are pivotally connected about a pivot pin and a pair of legs with each leg being pivotally connected to an end portion of the handle structure.
30. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 25 wherein the handle structure includes a pair of handles with each handle having an open channel formed on one side thereof; and wherein one or more of the series of candle tools are pivotally connected to one end of at least one handle such that in the stored position, the candle tools assume a position within the channel of one of the respective handles.
31. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 25 including a wick cutter, a wick dipper for engaging a candle wick and submerging the candle wick within melted wax to extinguish the candle wick, and a match holder for engaging and holding a match.
32. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 31 further including a candle scoop for scooping wax and debris formed in and around a candle wick and a candle digger for digging into the wax of a candle in and around the wick.
33. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 25 wherein one of the candle tools includes a pre-fueled lighter.
34. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 25 wherein one of the candle tools includes a sleeve having an extendable and retractable wick incorporated therein where the wick functions to light a candle.

35. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 25 wherein one of the candle tools includes a sleeve adapted to receive a swab and wherein the sleeve is provided with an actuator that is effective to extend and retract the swab from the sleeve.

36. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 35 wherein the swab is disposable.

37. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 25 wherein the candle tool includes at least three candle tools taken from the group including a wick cutter, wick dipper, match holder, candle digger, lighter, swab, and a retractable wick.

38. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 25 wherein the candle tool includes at least four candle tools taken from the group including a wick cutter, wick dipper, match holder, candle digger, lighter, swab, and a retractable wick.

39. (New) A foldable candle tool having a series of tools for operating on a candle, comprising:

- a. a pair of handles with each handle having an open channel formed therein;
- b. a wick cutter having a pair of jaws pivotally connected about a pivot pin and including a pair of legs;
- c. each of the legs of the wick cutter being pivotally connected to one end of one handle such that the handles are effectively coupled together by the wick cutter;
- d. the handles being moveable between a closed position where the open channels of each handle face each other and the wick cutter is at least partially housed within opposed channels, and an open position where the wick cutter projects from the two handles; and

- e. a plurality of candle tools moveably mounted to the handles with each candle tool moveable from a stored position within one channel to a position where the candle tool projects outwardly from the handle;
- f. wherein the plurality of candle tools include at least two tools taken from the group including a wick dipper, match holder, candle scoop, candle digger, pre-fuel lighter, wick lighter, and an extendable swab; and
- g. wherein the plurality of tools includes a wick dipper pivotally connected to one handle, the wick dipper including an arm and a generally L-shaped wire secured to the arm and extending therefrom.

40. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 39 wherein each of the plurality of candle tools are pivotally connected to respective handles.

41. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 39 wherein the plurality of candle tools includes a wick dipper, an alligator clip, and a candle scoop.

42. (New) The foldable candle tool of claim 39 wherein the plurality of candle tools includes at least two candle tools pivotally connected to the end of one handle opposite the end where the wick cutter is connected, and at least two other candle tools pivotally connected to the end of the other handle opposite the end where the wick cutter is connected.